

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention relates to a method for electronic franking wherein the customer is provided with an authenticable code which may be written or otherwise printed on a mail piece or mail piece. Given the authentic nature of the code, the code may be provided 5 remotely. The code may be linked to a delivery address, the relationship later verified. Alternatively, the code may be the result of applying a precode and date of purchase to an algorithm thereby producing a resulting code. The resulting code can be easily verified. The algorithm is complex and difficult to reverse engineer, including an encryption algorithm.